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# PREVIOUSLY IN NEW AVENGERS

YEARS AGO, THE MOST POWERFUL MEN IN THE WORLD VOTED ON WHETHER OR NOT TO RUN THE WORLD IN SECRET.

ONLY ONE OF THEM DISAGREED.

T'CHALLA...

I'M TELLING YOU NOW: END THIS.

WALK AWAY FROM THIS TABLE AND GO HOME.

WOW, T'CHALLA--

YOU JUST DECIDED ***ALL BY YOURSELVES*** THAT YOU ARE THE EARTH'S PROTECTORS.

AND THAT YOU, AND ***ONLY*** YOU, NOT YOUR TEAMMATES OR FAMILY, ARE TRUSTWORTHY ENOUGH TO INCLUDE IN THE PROCESS...

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU DISAGREE?

WHEN ONE OF THESE EARTH-CHANGING MOMENTS FINDS YOU ALL AT ODDS WITH EACH OTHER, HERE IN A SECRET MEETING?

WHAT HAPPENS THEN?

WALK AWAY NOW.

THEY DID NOT.

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NOW.

EVERYTHING DIES.

YOU. ME. EVERYONE ON THIS PLANET.

OUR SUN. OUR GALAXY. AND, EVENTUALLY, THE UNIVERSE ITSELF.

THIS IS SIMPLY HOW THINGS ARE.

IT'S INEVITABLE...

AND I ACCEPT IT.

WAKANDA.
26 HOURS AGO.

THERE IT IS.
I TOLD YOU WE'D BE FIRST.

*THE GAMES* ARE DESIGNED TO FIND THIS GENERATION'S POTENTIAL *MAKERS*, KIMO. AND LAST TIME I CHECKED, SEEING THE FINISH LINE ISN'T THE SAME AS CROSSING IT.

YEAH...BUT IT DOES MEAN WE'RE CLOSE, N'KONO.

WE SOLVED THE *GOLDEN PARADOX*. WE FOUND THE *LOST TRIBE*, AND THEN WE DECODED THE STRUCTURE OF THE *ARTIFICIAL MAN*...

THIS IS ALL THAT REMAINS BETWEEN US AND *THE PRIZE*.

WHAT DO YOU THINK IT COULD BE, T'DORI? MONEY? GLORY?

I'D SETTLE FOR A JETPACK. WHO KNOWS? THE COUNCIL OF PROGRESS MAKES A LIST OF RECOMMENDATIONS BEFORE THE ROYAL FAMILY DECIDES WHICH...*HOLD ON*... WAIT...

THIS DOESN'T MAKE SENSE. *HOUT, D'KIHU...YOOL.*

IT'S JUST A LIST. LOCATIONS, MAYBE?

NOT PLACES, T'DORI... *NAMES*.

A VERY SPECIFIC LIST OF GRIOT BARDS-- THEY FORMULATED THE EXISTENCE OF THE SUNDIATA CODE. A HIDDEN CIPHER WITHIN THE REGION'S ORAL HISTORY.

IT'S A THEORY ABOUT *TRADITION*. OF EXACTLY HOW WAKANDAN EXCELLENCE HAS BEEN PASSED DOWN THROUGH THE GENERATIONS. PASSED DOWN THROUGH BLOOD.

AH. I SEE...

*BLOOD*.

SO WE REMEMBER WHERE WE CAME FROM...

...ON THE WAY TO *WHERE WE'RE GOING.*

FSHHTT!

HUH!

STELLAR CARTOGRAPHY-- A MAP OF OUR SOLAR SYSTEM.

*COUNT*, KIMO...TWELVE PLANETS.

IT'S NOT OURS.

BUT IT IS WHERE YOU ARE HEADED.

MY KING!

THIS IS NOT NECROPOLIS, CHILD.

TO THE LIVING, I AM SIMPLY THE *BLACK PANTHER.*

CONGRATULATIONS, *MAKERS.* ON YOUR FEET--*STAND TALL.* YOU ARE THE FINEST OF YOUR GENERATION.

KIMO, T'DORI...VERY, VERY WELL DONE.

N'KONO, YOUR FATHER'S GRANDFATHER WAS T'KONDA--THE BLACK PANTHER OF HIS TIME.

HE WAS CALLED "*THE WALL,*" AND NOW HIS SPIRIT, LIKE ALL OTHER PREVIOUS PANTHERS, LIVES WITHIN ME.

I FEEL HIS PRIDE WHEN I LOOK AT YOU.

*PRIDE.*

PRIDE, AND NOT *SHAME*, WHICH IS WHAT WE FEEL FOR THE WORLD *OUT THERE.*

GREAT SOCIETIES ARE CRUMBLING AROUND US, AND THE OLD MEN WHO RUN THEM ARE OUT OF IDEAS.

SO ALL EYES TURN TO YOU, *OUR CHILDREN*-- TO BUILD US SOMETHING *BETTER.*

THIS IS M23-671A. AN M-CLASS PLANET CIRCLING AN ORANGE DWARF 241 LIGHT-YEARS AWAY.

THE WEST HAS ABANDONED SPACE, AND THE EAST CRAWLS WHEN IT COULD RUN...AS A RESULT, WAKANDA NOW POSSESSES THE PREEMINENT SPACE PROGRAM ON THE PLANET...

BUT WE MUST DO MORE, GO FARTHER...TO SOMEWHERE NO HUMAN HAS EVER BEEN.

YOUR PRIZE, *MAKERS*...ARE *THE STARS* THEMSELVES.

THE STARS... OH, WOW...

*I KNOW.* YOU DREAM A THING, AND THE IDEA THAT IT COULD BECOME REAL...

AMAZING.

HEY...DO YOU GUYS FEEL THAT... LIKE LITTLE MICRO-TREMORS?

HRMPH. I'M NOT SEEING ANYTHING.

NO. HE'S RIGHT...I CAN FEEL IT NOW.

SOMETHING'S COMING THIS WAY.

RUMBLLLEEE!

LOOK OUT!

WOOF. SOMETHING REALLY SPOOKED HIM.

DID YOU SEE THAT? IT WAS LIKE--

YES. I SAW IT.

STAY HERE.

GODDESS.

KI WASSURU.

SHARUR?

NURU UL SHARUR.

DAMIQ.

HE SAID TO STAY ON THE OTHER SIDE.

IT'S JUST A LOOK, N'KONO. WHERE'S YOUR SPIRIT OF--

QUIET.

NADANU.

HHRRMMMMMM!

UH. DID ANYONE NOTICE THAT THERE'S A GIANT PLANET HANGING IN THE SKY?

THEY CAME FROM THERE.

WHAT DO YOU THINK THEY'RE DOING HERE?

WHY DON'T WE ASK?

NO! KIMO... *WAIT!*

CAN'T DO IT, T'DORI--DUTY CALLS...

BESIDES, WHAT KIND OF FUTURE ASTRONAUT-EXPLORER IS AFRAID OF A LITTLE FIRST CONTACT?

HELLO!

WELCOME TO WAKANDA!

KIMO! STOP!

HELLO!

SUHARRURU!

WHAT IS THAT SHE'S SPEAKING? *IT'S OLD*--IS THAT AKKADIAN?

*OLDER.* HIGH SUMERIAN.

AND YOU SPEAK ENGLISH.

...SO IT'S ONE OF THOSE EARTHS.

YOU CAN UNDERSTAND ME?

YES.

THE WORLD IN THE SKY, IS THIS--WHATEVER THIS IS...IT'S YOUR DOING?

*MY DOING?*

*YES*, I AM A *BLACK SWAN*--BUT NO MAN OR WOMAN CAN SUMMON AN *INCURSION*.

WE SIMPLY LIVE WITH THE LOSS AND GIVE THE GREAT DESTROYER HIS DUE.

RABUM ALAL... HE IS IMPATIENT AND HIS APPETITE ENDLESS.

THAT DOESN'T MEAN *ANYTHING*.

*OH*...IT MEANS *EVERYTHING*.

TELL ME...IF I TOLD YOU I CAME HERE TO KILL A WORLD, WOULD YOU TRY TO STOP ME?

I WOULD DO MORE THAN TRY.

OF COURSE. ANA SIMTUM ALAKU.

KILL THEM.

AARGHH!

NOOOOOO!

THWOP!

THWOP!

RRARRRRR!

THWOP!

<THERE! THEY ARE HEADED BACK INTO THE JUNGLE!>

<DO NOT LET THEM REACH THE *INCURSION* WALL.>

THWOP!

<SWITCH TO THERMAL.>

SOMETHING IS WRONG.

I SHOULD'VE BEEN ABLE TO JUMP US ALL THE WAY BACK TO THE ROYAL CITY. WHATEVER THIS PLACE IS, IT INTERFERES WITH LOCALIZED SPACE-TIME.

*GOOD.* I DON'T WANT TO LEAVE.

KIMO...T'DORI...THEY KILLED MY BROTHER, MY SISTER. WE MUST GO BACK AND MAKE THEM PAY.

NO. *THINK,* N'KONO. THIS COULD...

*YOU* WILL RETURN AND INFORM THE CITY... *UNDERSTAND?*

OUR PEOPLE HAVE ALREADY LOST TOO MUCH TODAY...I WOULD NOT FORFEIT OUR ENTIRE FUTURE.

...IT SEEMED LIKE SUCH A PERFECT DAY.

AA!IEEEEEEEE!

FWOOSH!

NO!

MY KING...

I HAVE YOU, N'KONO.

I'M HERE.

MY KING...

I SEE...

I SEE...

YES? WHAT DO YOU SEE, N'KONO?

TELL ME WHAT YOU SEE?

I SEE THEM...MY KING. I SEE...

I SEE...

THE STARS.

<DO YOU HAVE IT?>

<YES. AS AGREED.>

<GOOD. THEN GIVE IT TO ME... UNLESS YOU WANT TO PAY THE OFFERING.>

<CAN YOU DO THAT, SWEET, SWEET MANIFOLD?>

<NO.>

<THEN WHAT GOOD ARE YOU?>

WHAAAAH

<SO I ESCAPE ONLY TO BE MURDERED HERE--IN THIS EDEN?>
<I MADE ALL THIS POSSIBLE!>
<YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO THIS.>
<YOU'RE WRONG. *THIS* IS HOW IT IS.>
<YOU SAID I WOULD LIVE AND NOT DIE.>
<I SAID *NOTHING* OF FOREVER.>
AARGGHHH!
<THE WHEEL--IT IS *RELENTLESS*.>
"TELL ME...IF I TOLD YOU I CAME HERE TO KILL A WORLD, WOULD YOU TRY TO STOP ME?"

ANA SIMTIM ALAKU ERSETU!

CLICK!

BRUUU

ONCE, THE GODDESS SPOKE, AND I WAS GIVEN A PROPHECY.

A WORD SPOKEN IN FIRE AND FLOOD, A WORD OF DEAD KINGS AND HOPELESS CAUSES.

OF THE FUTURE LOST AND OF WORLDS DYING.

OF FALLEN ANGELS AND LOST SOULS.

WHEN FACING THE END...

WHEN EVERYTHING AROUND YOU CRUMBLES--WHEN EVERYTHING WITHERS AND DIES...

WHO ANSWERS THE CALL OF DESPERATE MEN?

NEW AVENGERS:

# ILLUMINATI

THE NECROPOLIS AT WAKANDA.
THE NEXT DAY.

GODDESS. OH, GODDESS.

SAVE ME FROM WHAT THIS WORLD DEMANDS.

SAVE ME FROM RIGHTEOUS MEN.

SAVE ME FROM THINKERS.

SAVE ME FROM SUMMONERS.

SAVE ME FROM MIDNIGHT KINGS...

AND THE DEVIL HIMSELF.

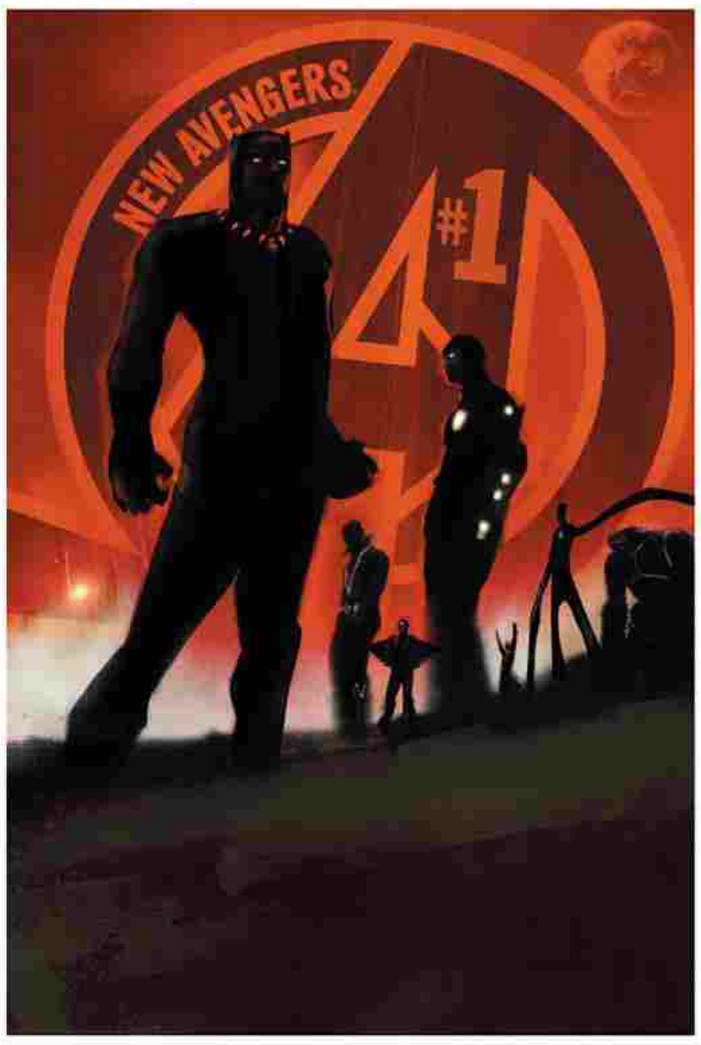
OH GODDESS, SAVE ME...

SAVE ME FROM WHAT WE ARE ABOUT TO DO.

# THE ASSEMBLY!

## YOUR ONE-STOP NEWS SOURCE FOR ALL THINGS AVENGERS!

The hits just keep on coming with no sign of abating, and this month is no exception! The big story for January is the relaunch of **NEW AVENGERS**, now in the hands of scribe Jonathan Hickman and illustrator Steve Epting! Last time these guys got together, they killed the Human Torch and reinvented the Fantastic Four—so you can just imagine what they have in store for the Black Panther and the mysterious, clandestine Illuminati! It's only the end of not just our world, but every world—and it's coming your way twice this month to kick the series off in style!




Also back in the spotlight this month is **YOUNG AVENGERS**, getting its own sparkly new first issue (with an in-demand variant by Scott Pilgrim's Bryan Lee O'Malley!) But this isn't quite the Young Avengers that you know—creators Kieron Gillen, Jamie McKelvie, Mike Norton and Matthew Wilson have mixed in some new faces along with the old! So be on the lookout for Loki, Marvel Boy, and Miss America as well as Hulkling, Wiccan and Hawkeye—in **YOUNG AVENGERS #1**!

One of the best things about being in this business is getting letters like this one!

*Dear Marvel,*

*The first Marvel comic I got was the Avengers. I really liked it so I started getting more. I love to draw the Marvel super heroes and they've inspired me to make my own super hero team. For this drawing, I decided to make the faces out of plasticine for a more 3-D effect. I hope you like it. Thank you.*

*Sincerely,*
*Humphrey Hamma*
*Portland, OR*

Brilliant work, Humphrey! Thanks for sharing it with us!

We're sorry if it seems like we're beating a dead horse, but we're just so knocked out by the response to the letter we printed a few months ago from Elizabeth Snee about her injured husband that we feel like we just have to share the good vibes with everyone! Among those that offered to send care packages of comics were Scott Randel, Zac Sutton, Stephen Davidson, Rachel Ward, Joan M. McHugh, Derek Callow, Joe Gentile, Santana Arjune, John Voulieris, Michael P. Falcone, and Borja Alcaraz, heroes all! Know that they have been awarded the Imperial Crest of No-Prizedom for their gallant efforts on behalf of our injured comrade, with our thanks!

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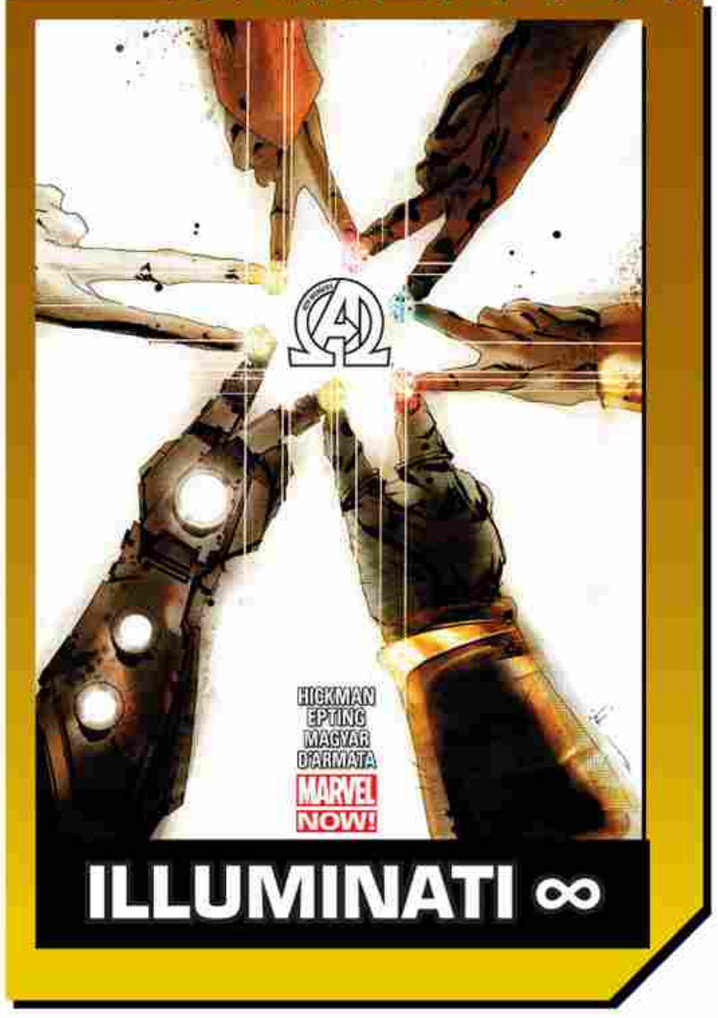


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FINAL CONFLICT WITH THE RED SKULL'S S-MEN! AND, OH, THAT LAST PAGE!

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THEY'RE BACK—BECAUSE SOMEONE HAS TO SAVE THE WORLD!

**DARK AVENGERS #185**
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**MARVEL UNIVERSE vs THE AVENGERS #4**

**MARVEL UNIVERSE AVENGERS: EARTH'S MIGHTIEST HEROES #10**

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